

U.S. Officials Only

SECRET

CENTRAL INTELLIGENCE AGENCY
INFORMATION REPORT

25X1A

COUNTRY Malaya
 SUBJECT Soviet Fishing Vessels Sighted In Singapore
 PLACE ACQUIRED (BY SOURCE)
 DATE ACQUIRED (BY SOURCE)
 DATE (OF INFO)

RESPONSIVE TO	
1	2
CD NO.	
OO/C NO.	
ORR NO.	
DAS NO.	
OCL NO.	

DATE DISTR. 30 Jun 54

NO. OF PAGES 1

NO. OF ENCLS.

SUPP. TO
REPORT NO.

THIS DOCUMENT CONTAINS INFORMATION AFFECTING THE NATIONAL DEFENSE OF THE UNITED STATES, WITHIN THE MEANING OF TITLE 16, SECTIONS 773 AND 784, OF THE U.S. CODE, AS AMENDED. ITS TRANSMISSION OR REVELATION OF ITS CONTENTS TO OR RECEIPT BY AN UNAUTHORIZED PERSON IS PROHIBITED BY LAW. THE REPRODUCTION OF THIS REPORT IS PROHIBITED.

THIS IS UNEVALUATED INFORMATION

SOURCE Merchant marine officer of a large US shipping company

The Office of Naval Intelligence furnished the following information to CIA for IAC dissemination in accordance with paragraph 3c of NBCID #7. This information was obtained by DIO-3ND and was forwarded as ONI report 31-547.

1. Description: At 0300 on 22 January 1954, a fleet of 20 fishing vessels in the company of a mother ship were observed arriving in Singapore. A port pilot in Singapore identified them at the time as Russian. The vessels were about 130 feet long and appeared to be trawlers. The mother ship was described as a merchant ship, possibly converted, resembling a Great Lakes cargo ship. She had a counter stern, was approximately 300 feet long, and had three island structures with two hatches in the well-deck forward and one in the well-deck aft. (Probably hull type code "24").
2. Visual Signals: Communication by blinker light was observed taking place among many of the vessels, but due to the rapidity of the signals none could be noted. Source commended the efficiency of the signalmen and expressed the belief that they were exceedingly good.
3. Itinerary: No information was available concerning the fleet's itinerary but source speculated that the vessels were coming from the West and were heading up the Chinese Coast. He believed they were calling at Singapore for supplies and provisions.
4. Source's ship was on the way out of Singapore at the time of the sighting. Due to darkness, nationality could not be observed, but the port pilot seemed certain of the vessels' identity. The other observations in this report, including the counting of the vessels, were made by the source personally.

- end -

LIBRARY SUBJECT & AREA CODES

756.531		N
756.532		N
728.3		N

U.S. Officials Only

SECRET

DISTRIBUTION	STATE	-X	ARMY	-X	NAVY	-X	AIR	-X	FBI			
--------------	-------	----	------	----	------	----	-----	----	-----	--	--	--

This report is for the use within the USA of the Intelligence components of the Departments or Agencies indicated above. It is not to be transmitted overseas without the concurrence of the originating office through the Assistant Director of the Office of Collection and Dissemination, CIA.

ONI DECLASSIFICATION/RELEASE INSTRUCTIONS ON FILE